

House Amendment 8590

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1 1 Amend House File 2578 as follows:
1 2 #1. Page 6, by striking lines 16 through 18 and
1 3 inserting the following: <For grants awarded under
1 4 the home modification grant program for veterans
1 5 created in section 35A.13, as enacted by this division
1 6 of this Act, notwithstanding section 8.57, subsection
1 7 5, paragraph "c":>
1 8 #2. Page 7, by inserting after line 7 the
1 9 following:
1 10 <Sec. _____. NEW SECTION. 35A.13 HOME MODIFICATION
1 11 GRANT PROGRAM FOR VETERANS.
1 12 1. For the purposes of this section, "veteran"
1 13 means the same as defined in section 35.1 or a
1 14 resident of this state who served in the armed forces
1 15 of the United States, completed a minimum aggregate of
1 16 ninety days of active federal service, and was
1 17 discharged under honorable conditions.
1 18 2. A veterans home modification grant program is
1 19 created under the control of the commission. The
1 20 veterans home modification grant program shall provide
1 21 grants to veterans who have a service-connected,
1 22 permanent disability, rating less than fifty percent
1 23 as verified by the United States department of
1 24 veterans affairs or a branch of the United States
1 25 armed forces. Grants shall be awarded for home
1 26 modifications that are designed to meet the needs of
1 27 the veteran with the disability who will be residing
1 28 in the home.
1 29 3. It is the intent of the general assembly that
1 30 the program be equitably accessible to eligible
1 31 veterans throughout the state.
1 32 4. The commission shall adopt rules pursuant to
1 33 chapter 17A to administer the program.
1 34 a. The rules shall establish criteria for the
1 35 awarding of grants, including the maximum amount
1 36 available per grant. In determining the maximum
1 37 amount available per grant, the commission shall
1 38 consider the number of potential recipients statewide.
1 39 b. The rules shall provide that eligible
1 40 modifications may include but are not limited to any
1 41 of the following:
1 42 (1) Bathroom modifications.
1 43 (2) Installation of grab bars and handrails.
1 44 (3) Kitchen modifications.
1 45 (4) Lifting devices.
1 46 (5) Main-level bathroom or bedroom additions.
1 47 (6) Ramp additions or repair.
1 48 (7) Sidewalk additions or repair.
1 49 (8) The widening of doorways or hallways.
1 50 c. The rules shall specify the types of eligible
2 1 residences, which shall include but are not limited to
2 2 single-family residences owned by the veteran.
2 3 d. The rules shall provide for a waiting list
2 4 system to be instituted if the total amount of the
2 5 grants awarded in a fiscal year exceeds available
2 6 funding for that fiscal year.>
2 7 #3. By renumbering as necessary.
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